

1 to speak in favor of the amendment?

2 DELEGATE GRANT: Mr. Chairman.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

4 DELEGATE GRANT: A few minutes ago I tried to
5 explain to this Committee the logical reasons why
6 you should have adopted Mr. Gilchrist's proposal of 144.
7 I now rise to give you, since logical reasons didn't
8 take, I want to go to a matter of political expediency.
9 I would like to have a document I can sell my people on.
10 I believe we have all worked very hard. I think this is
11 going to be an excellent Constitution. But my feeling
12 is that I would much rather be associated with a moderate
13 success rather than open failure.

14 In asking that we preserve the status quo,
15 which is not what we want to do, we are asked to compromise
16 between idealism and reality. What it will amount to
17 is not a death to counties. Obviously the small counties
18 will be able to retain a delegate or some kind of repre-
19 sentation which they can call their own until 1980. This
20 was brought out in Mr. Gilchrist's presentation.

21 After 1980, that is 14 years after we hope we